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#### AMENDMENTS

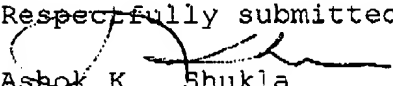
In Response to notice of Non-compliant Amendments mailed on 12/11/06. Herewith, I am sending the marked version as asked by Examiner.

Claim 3, 5-6, 10, 12-13, 17-19 are cancelled.  
No new matter has been added and a withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me. (Tel 410 997 0301)

Thanking you in advance for all your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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